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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SURVEILLANCE DEVICES

REF: STATE 54275; DAR 641

1. DEPARTMENT HAVING DIFFICULTY IN FINDING BASIS FOR ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS REQUIRED UNDER OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL ACT FOR SALE OF SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT TO TANZANIA. ALTHOUGH ACT SANCTIONS EXPORT THIS EQUIPMENT BY AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE USG-- OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE USG-- IN NORMAL COURSE OF USG ACTIVITY, IT DOES NOT OTHERWISE EMPOWER DEPARTMENT TO UNDERTAKE OR APPROVE SUCH TRANSACTION.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT LEGAL REQUIREMENT OF LINK TO NORMAL ACTIVITY WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED UNLESS USE OF EQUIPMENT CAME UNDER AN ESTABLISHED USG PROGRAM. MOREOVER, DEPT. RELUCTANT TO ENTER INTO TRANSACTION OF THIS SORT WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN PUBLICLY CONNECTION WITH NORMAL U. S. PROGRAMS. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THESE DEVICES WERE TO BE USED PRIMARILY FOR PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE SALE CONTRACT AS THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A COOPERATIVE USG- GOT PROGRAM. WE
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DOUBT GOT HAS THIS IN MIND OR INDEED INTENDS USE MICRO-PHONES FOR REASON WHICH WOULD ENABLE US ENTER INTO EXPORT CONTRACT. NEVERTHELESS, IF POST CAN SUGGEST APPROPRIATE

PROGRAM UNDER WHICH TRANSFER OF SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER FEASIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT. (IN THIS CONNECTION AID MO 1544.1, AUGUST 8, 1966, EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDES RECOURSE TO AID PROGRAM.) OTHERWISE BELIEVE WE MUST INFORM GOT THAT, AS NOTED ABOVE, WE LACK AUTHORITY TO APPROVE SALE.

3. ONLY OTHER INSTANCE OF SALE TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OF SURVEILLANCE DEVICES WAS SALE TO CANADIANS FOR USE IN COOPERATIVE USG- CANADIAN NARCOTIC CONTROL EFFORT.

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